

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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Agenda Number:
Prepared on:
Department Name: Public Works Department
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Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Phillip M. Demery, Director
Public Works Department

STAFF Mark Schleich, Deputy Director, X 3603
CONTACT: Kathy Kefauver, Senior Engineering Environmental Planner, X 3614

SUBJECT: Support for Urban Streams Restoration Program Grant Application

Recommendation(s): That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Adopt a Resolution authorizing a joint application between the County of Santa Barbara and Growing Solutions Restoration Education Institute (a local non-profit) for the Urban Streams Restoration Program Grant and authorize Phillip M. Demery Director, Public Works Department or designee as signatory for the County's contracts for administration of the grant funds and to serve as the co-manager for the grant project; and
- 2) Approve the Notice of Exemption pursuant to Section 15301(h), (i) and 15308 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendations are primarily aligned with our organizational values regarding collaboration and partnering.

Executive Summary and Discussion: The California Department of Water Resources, Division of Planning and Local Assistance, Urban Streams Restoration Program has announced the availability of funds for grants. The Public Works Department, Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division proposes to co-sponsor an Urban Streams Restoration Program grant application with Growing Solutions Restoration Education Institute for an erosion repair project using bio-engineered bank stabilization techniques on the County's Calle Real Campus.

The grant application is to restore a drainage that is part of the Goleta Slough Watershed that experienced erosion during storms in recent years. The project would enhance the environment by reducing yearly bank erosion, improving natural habitats for wildlife, providing an opportunity for data collection on the bio-

engineered bank stabilization techniques that may serve as a model for future area projects. The project would also provide educational opportunities for Santa Barbara City College students and the Rancho El Sueno Homeowners Association.

Mandates and Service Levels: This grant application, if approved, would yield data, via a demonstration project, that would be applicable to other similar type eroded areas on the south coast. Concurrently, the project would provide restoration of storm damage on the County's Calle Real Campus. The project would further the efforts of the Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division to address erosion on the site with a potentially permanent solution rather than requiring yearly repair following winter storms.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts: There is no cost to the County to submit the grant application. If the grant is approved, the Public Works Department, Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division will commit \$4,500.00 in matching funds. The total grant amount requested from DWR is \$40,405.00

Special Instructions: Please return a copy of the Resolution to Kathy Kefauver in the Public Works Department, Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division.

Concurrence: County Counsel